

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 59th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON RULES

Call to Order: By **SENATOR JON ELLINGSON, (D) SD 49**, on January 11, 2005 at 4:00 P.M., in Room 350 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Jon Tester, Chairman (D)
Sen. Vicki Cocchiarella (D)
Sen. Jon Ellingson (D)
Sen. Jim Elliott (D)
Sen. Steven Gallus (D)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Kim Gillan (D)
Sen. Duane Grimes (R)
Sen. Dan Harrington (D)
Sen. Bob Keenan (R)
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)
Sen. Dan McGee (R)
Sen. Corey Stapleton (R)
Sen. Bob Story Jr. (R)

Members Excused:

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Peg Holwick, Committee Secretary
Greg Petesch, LSD

Please Note. These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: SR 1, 1/10/2005
Executive Action: SR 1

HEARING ON SR 1

{Tape: 1; Side: A}

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

SEN. JON ELLINGSON (D), SD 49, opened the hearing on **SR 1**, Senate rules resolution.

CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON called the meeting to order and advised that the primary purpose of this meeting was to consider SR 1 containing the Senate Rules for the 2005 Legislative session. The Rules Committee met on 12/28/2004, to request and approve the adoption of SR 1. **CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON** emphasized that now was the formal time and place to hear the bill and take Executive Action on it. He proposed **SEN ELLIOTT** to serve as Vice Chair without objection.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON reminded the committee of the 12/28/2004 meeting discussion and directed their attention to the proposed changes starting on page seven of SR 1. The proposed changes included:

- 1) Page 7, Line 3 - "select committees" was removed.
- 2) Page 7, Line 9 - At the suggestion of **SEN. COCCHIARELLA**, the name of Economic Affairs was added to the Business and Labor Committee to make it: Business, Labor, and Economic Affairs.
- 3) Page 7, Line 24 - "Members of Select Committee on Long-Range Planning" was struck because it seemed nebulous and might be difficult to distinguish from the Finance and Claims Committee.
- 4) Page 8, Line 8-14 - Wording changed to provide that minutes will be retained on archival paper.
- 5) Page 9, Line 24 - Words, "indefinitely postponing" were eliminated since committees use a motion to "indefinitely postpone" distinguishing it from "tabling a motion", since in a committee a motion is debated but a tabling motion is non-debatable. **CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON** explained that this has been the practice of the chairs uniformly. Therefore, if anyone wants to keep speaking on a bill, the Chair will not take the tabling motion until that Senator has a chance to speak.

Closing by Sponsor:

CHAIRMAN ELLINGSON suggested the rules were in good shape and that the Senate adopt SR 1 with said changes held in Executive

Action.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SR 1

Motion/Vote: SEN. ELLINGSON moved that SR1 BE ADOPTED. Motion carried 8-4 by voice vote with SEN. GRIMES, SEN. KEENAN, SEN. STAPLETON, and SEN. STORY voting NO.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 4:15 P.M.

SEN. JON ELINGSON, Chairman

PEG HOLWICK, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

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